(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	*Loan Released*
1988-89	37.46
1989-90	10.44
1990-91	22.55
Total	70.45

Demand for Development of Tripura

3242. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have received any demand from the people of Tripura for its development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a), to (c). The Planning Commission received a memorandum from Tripura Tribal Area Autonomous district Council; mainly for more and equitable distribution of funds. The State Government was requested to take corrective measures.

A letter from Federation of Association of Cottage and Small Industries wanted capital investment subsidy to be given from the Central Budget etc. The Central Investment scheme was withdrawn in 1988 as it was not serving its purpose. Instead, emphasis is being given to suitable infrastructural development in rural and backward areas.

[Translation]

Amount Allocated to Orissa for Civic Amenities

3243. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to improve civic amenities in Orissa during the last three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan and the actual amount spent on it; and

(b) the schemes related to civic amenities in the State pending with the Union Government and the action taken to clear them expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Provision of civic amenities is the responsibility of the local bodies concerned. These local bodies formulate their schemes in consultation with the State Governments concerned. The State Government on their part render assistance to these local bodies under various schemes including EIUS, urban Basic services, etc, and also through borrowing from financial institutions like HUDCO, LIC, etc. The government of India plays only a nodal role.

Amendment to Patents Act, 1970

3244. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring forward legislation to amend the Patents Act, 1970; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on different sectors?